1	clerk on Rs. 40 plus Rs. 8	Rs.	384
1	Typist on Rs. 25	,,	200
1	Head peon on Rs. 12	,,	96
3	Peons at Rs. 9 each	,,	216
			Rs. 3,248
	Grand total		Rs. 5,168

Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai asked whether Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar, B. A., Retired Dewan Peishkar, who had experience in the matter could not be entrusted with the work. The President replied that such a proposal was brought before the Finance Committee last year and it was rejected by the committee then. It was agreed that the work should be done by a competent hand; and the President remarked that he could see no objection to Mr. Ramasubba Aiyar's nomination if the Committee agreed to it. Thereupon Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai observed that in that case, there would be only a slight increase in the pay of the officer proposed. The proposal was thereupon agreed to by the Committee, the choice of the officer being made subsequently.

7. The Committee approved the proposal for the appointment of a special staff of a clerk on Rs. 25 and a copyist on Rs. 15 per mensem, for a period of 4 months in the Kottayam Division Cutcherry, to attend to land acquisition work and the provision of a sum of Rs. 160 for the purpose in the budget of the current year.

VI.—DEMAND VIII—Public Health and Sanitation.

8. The proposal for the provision of a sum of Rs. 6,250 in the budget for the grant of contribution to the Public Health Department, Madras, in connection with the plague recrudescence enquiry in the Cumbom Valley, was approved by the Committee. In this connection, Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai wanted to know the results of the experiments conducted so far. Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai said that cyanogas fumigation, as a plague preventive measure, was found to be very effective and that if this experiment proves successful, it would be possible to do away with the plague stations in the Peermade Taluk boundary. Mr. P. K. Thomas asked whether the amount could not be found by diversion. Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai replied that it was not possible. Finally, Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai said that the proposal may be placed before the Legislature.

9. The Committee agreed to the proposal for the provision of a sum of Rs. 600 in the budget for payment of allowance, etc., to Mr. T. R. Narayana Pillai, Public Analyst, in connection with his training in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

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